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5 things Airbnb hosts need to know about paying taxes

Yes you need to pay taxes on Airbnb income, and no it won't get you in trouble with the city for listing your place on Airbnb.

WANYEE LI/METRO

Tax season is fast approaching, and Airbnb hosts should get ready to pay taxes on their income, says one tax adviser.

Airbnb is sending a reminder to its 55,000 Canadian hosts this week about filing taxes on their short-term rental income. Many hosts are not aware they need to pay taxes on that revenue, says Valorie Elgar, a senior tax professional with H&R Block.

"I'm sure a lot of people don't even know they have to file. This is an initiative on our part to raise awareness, because I'm sure (the Canadian Revenue Agency) is going to be targeting this," she said.

Airbnb is partnering with H&R Block to offer a discount on tax services for hosts.

A 2016 City of Vancouver survey found 10 per cent of respondents reported listing a short-term rental unit at least once in the past year. A typical host in Vancouver earns \$6,600 from an average of 58 nights per year, according to Airbnb.

Vancouver city staff are set to present council with a report this spring that suggests all short-term rentals be subject to a business licence and hosts not be allowed to list secondary suites such as basement suites on Airbnb.

So what do Airbnb hosts need to do when it comes to filing taxes? Here are a few things to keep in mind.

1 Yes, you have to report your Airbnb income

People must pay taxes on any income they earn, including money from Airbnb, said Elgar. Many people make the mistake of not setting aside money for taxes on rental income, she said. "Every dollar of income must be reported to Canada Revenue."

2 No, the city won't be able to nail you for listing on Airbnb if you pay taxes.

The Canada Revenue Agency does not differentiate between incomes from long- versus short-term rentals, according to Elgar.

"When you are declaring it, you're not necessarily saying you are doing Airbnb, per se. You are saying you are renting out a portion of your home, which is completely legal."

3 Fill out tax form T776 - Statement of Real Estate Rentals

All income from property rentals should be reported on a federal tax form called T776, Statement of Real Estate Rentals, says Elgar.

4 Register for a GST number

If you make more than \$30,000 from short-term rentals, you are required to charge GST to your customers and then transfer that money to the CRA, said Elgar. That means registering for a GST number.

5 Claim your expenses

Keep careful record of your Airbnb-related receipts and contracts, says Elgar. Airbnb hosts can claim the cost of maintenance, advertising, insurance, utilities and more, which may reduce the amount of tax owed.

Vancouver DIGEST

BC SPCA seize 27 animals from Burns Lake property

The BC SPCA seized 27 animals, including a litter of two-day-old puppies and several pregnant horses, from a property near Burns Lake. The investigation could result in animal cruelty charges, the organization said in a written release.

The owner of the Cheslatta property does not live on site and the animals were left tethered outdoors in -15 C weather, according to the BC SPCA.

"Many of the seized animals were underweight and some were showing signs of dehydration," said SPCA constable Dale Bakken.

WANYEE LI/METRO

Alleged carjacking ends in fiery crash

A 34-year-old Burnaby man was arrested and is facing potential charges of robbery after he allegedly carjacked a taxi in the Downtown Eastside, sped through the city and caused a fiery crash in East Vancouver.

A man jumped into a Black Top Cab in the Downtown Eastside at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, according to a police statement. The man forced the driver from the cab, striking him several times.

The man then sped away and eventually crashed into another vehicle. The taxi burst into flames. The man then tried, unsuccessfully, to carjack another vehicle at the red light.

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Putting stock in politics

PUBLIC OPINION

University runs market to predict election results

After 20 years of running election stock markets, Prof. Werner Antweiler believes the buying and selling of shares in political parties is a more accurate way of predicting election results than public opinion polling.

Antweiler teaches at the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business and runs its online election market, where people use cash to buy contracts or "shares" representing political parties ahead of provincial or federal elections.

Traders can take long positions, which means buying shares in parties they think will grow in value, or short positions where they buy shares they think are overvalued. Outcomes are all tied to real election results and traders are allowed to spend between \$25 and \$1,000.

Election markets raise the stakes compared with traditional public opinion polls, which can be influenced by personal bias on the outcome, Antweiler said.

"But if people have to put money where their mouth is, then they may be more eager to reveal their true belief about how an election is going, even if it's not their preferred outcome."

Election markets are better than polls at absorbing new



Professor Werner Antweiler has developed an election stock market to help predict the winner of the upcoming provincial election. COURTESY UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

"If people have to put money where their mouth is, then they may be more eager to reveal their true belief." Werner Antweiler

information and anticipating trends because they take into account not only what's happening today, but what people expect to happen in the future, Antweiler said.

"The idea is that futures markets are forward-looking,

whereas polls are kind of backwards-looking in the sense that they aggregate information from the past few days," he said.

Kara Mitchelmore, CEO of the Marketing Institute and Intelligence Association, said there are significant differences between

polls and election markets.

"I don't think it's fair to pit one tool against another," she said, adding that investors in election markets often base their decisions on data from polls.

The reason polls work when they're done well is that they're based on valid science, Mitchelmore said.

Election markets can be off in their predictions, Antweiler said.

A market operated by Iowa

University in last year's U.S. presidential race showed it was likely that Hillary Clinton would win, but Antweiler said the margins were much narrower than in public opinion polls.

"Even though the probabilities were still in Hillary Clinton's favour, they allowed, quite clearly, for another outcome," he said.

The university's market is the only one of its kind in Canada. The school is running three markets tied to the B.C. provincial election this spring, including a market gauging the popular vote, another on the share of seats each party wins in the legislature, and a third on which party will form a majority government.

Election markets are particularly good at predicting seat shares and who may or may not form a majority government because traders have to gather a lot of information to be comfortable participating, Antweiler explained.

"People who are more educated, politically, may feel more comfortable taking positions, especially aggressive positions, in the market. Whereas newcomers now have a strong incentive to inform themselves now because they have money at stake," he said.

On Wednesday, the governing Liberals in B.C. had slight leads over the Opposition NDP in every market. But Antweiler cautioned there are several issues that could cause the markets to fluctuate before election day on May 9, including housing prices, infrastructure, public transportation and campaign financing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AUTOPSY

Family searches for some answers

Jen St. Denis
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A park bench near the south side of the Cambie Bridge has become a poignant memorial to a young man who was found there the morning of March 6.

In an email sent to Metro, family member Ken Canuel described Jeffrey Daniel Canuel, 26, as a "healthy, outgoing, hard-working Canadian."

Ken Canuel wrote that Jeffrey, a resident of New Westminster, was found in the early morning hours of March 6 with no visible injuries.

He was last seen at Funky Winker Beans, a bar and live music venue, at 37 W. Hastings St.

"We are looking for any information about what happen between midnight and six a.m. and when he was found and pronounced dead by paramedics," Ken Canuel wrote.

The family was also frustrated with the length of time it takes to get an autopsy and toxicology report. In the midst of B.C.'s opioid overdose crisis, the BC Coroners Service says it can expedite toxicology testing in some cases, "depending on the circumstances of death and the extent of investigations ordered."

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Tally of 'corrosive' cash

Does money buy you influence and access in British Columbia? As it stands, the province's lax laws allow anybody from anywhere to donate any amount. The BC Liberals promise that the money-for-access scandal will be 'resolved' by a new bill. Using Elections BC's online database, we crunch the numbers back to 2005 on the industries and sectors that have donated the most to political parties.

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Real Estate

Debate continued in the Legislature on Wednesday about the ongoing cash-for-access donations scandal, with the BC Liberals saying the whole controversy "will be resolved" by their bill requiring faster reporting by parties — and NDP Leader John Horgan accusing them of building "a stone wall of silence" on allegations that the powerful are buying influence with cash.

British Columbia's lax rules on political donations — which a government watchdog told Metro amounts to a "system of legalized bribery" — have been the subject of scrutiny from non-government critics and the NDP, Greens and independent opposition in Victoria.

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drew Wilkinson, the province's advanced education minister, lauded the BC Liberals' newly introduced Bill 4, the Election Amendment Act.

"This bill is designed to address the transparency issues around disclosure of donations to political parties in a timely fashion," he told lawmakers.

"This is an important function in our society, and I think



This issue of who are the donors is resolved immediately by transparency. Andrew Wilkinson

it bears notice right off the bat that this party, the BC Liberal party, has moved toward timely disclosure.... However, the other major political party of British Columbia, the NDP, has flatly refused to go down this path for reasons that are only known to them."

The BC Liberals tabled their bill after an explosive Globe and Mail report alleging that lobbyists were illegally reim-

bursed by the companies they worked for, leading the RCMP to open a criminal investigation — by its Federal Serious and Organized Crime section's Sensitive Investigations Unit, Metro has learned.

But a look at the existing contributions records made public by Elections BC — which span from 2005 until 2015 — already paints a picture of a political sys-

tem awash in cash. And when that cash is broken down into industries and sectors, critics say it reveals "coincidences" between the BC Liberals' policies and B.C.'s most powerful economic players.

Tied for the largest donors by sector is the booming real-estate and development sector, almost exclusively donating to the governing BC Liberals, and union and labour groups' almost unanimous support for the Official Opposition, the NDP.

Both forked over at least \$13.4 million over the decade, though the figure is likely larger if individual directors, owners and potentially lobbyists were factored in.

The next largest political donors — all largely supportive of the BC Liberals to the tune of more than 90 per cent — were the oil and gas industry, forestry, mining and construction. The alcohol sales, finance and restaurant sectors also donated more than \$1 million each to the BC Liberals.

"Quite often the government's policy decisions are based on various sectors of the economy," said Dermot Travis, with the watchdog Integrity B.C.

"When you see forestry and mining high on the list, and then see those companies getting BC Hydro incentives ... it gives you a better sense of the relationships not just between each company and the government, but between each sector and the government."

As for the high level of union donations to the NDP, Travis said as long as they remain in opposition, such contributions have little effect on policy. But he favours banning both corporate and union donations, and capping individual limits because of big money's "corrosive" effects.

"At the end of the day, (the NDP) are not in government and can't institute any policies," he explained. "But it would become an issue if the NDP were to win the election, and then show favouritism to a union that was a favoured backer."

CORRUPTION

Lessons from Quebec



Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

NDP MLA David Eby has invited the lead lawyer for Quebec's Charbonneau inquiry to come to Vancouver to speak to British Columbians about political corruption.

Sonia LeBel will speak at 10 a.m. on March 21 at UBC's Alard Law School.

"The interesting thing about Quebec compared to B.C. is that Quebec had its problems even though they had very serious limits in place around union and corporate donations," Eby said.

"We have a much more generous and unregulated political donation system, so in that kind of a system we're inviting the kind of problems that Quebec had."

"The Charbonneau inquiry uncovered the use of what translates as straw donors," Eby said.

"A straw donor is a term for people who were a front for the true political donors, and they provided the ability for someone to donate to a political campaign without having them reveal their name."

Between 2011 and 2015, the Charbonneau Commission investigated and unearthed serious political corruption in Quebec, much of it involving the awarding of government construction contracts.



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A member of North Shore Rescue retrieves equipment from a helicopter after rescuing two skiers, who were buried in an avalanche in the backcountry of Cypress Provincial Park, and landing at a base in North Vancouver on March 4. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Civil suit launched by B.C. rescue team

LEGAL ACTION

Crew alleges society involved in misleading fundraising

A Vancouver-area search and rescue team has launched legal action against a society it alleges is raising funds by claiming to act on behalf of volunteer search teams across British Columbia.

North Shore Rescue has filed a civil claim in B.C. Supreme Court seeking unspecified damages and an immediate halt to the fundraising activities of the Search and Rescue Society of British Columbia.

A statement of defence has not been filed in court, but the

vice-president of the Search and Rescue Society of British Columbia said he is "dumbfounded" by the legal action and the case has no merit.

"We do act in good faith, we are real," Glen Redden said.

The search and rescue society is a registered charity that has been around for 33 years, and provides a last option for families when other searches have been called off, Redden said.

North Shore Rescue alleges in a statement of claim filed with the court that the society seeks public donations by claiming to represent the organization, adding that search and rescue teams do not raise money by phone in B.C.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Redden said his group raises money by phone because it



We do act in good faith, we are real.

Glen Redden

does not receive any government funding, but calls are only made to donor lists. The society hires contractors to make the fundraising calls, but they never claim to represent any other group, he said.

"We don't misrepresent. We clearly identify ourselves. We don't mention any other team."

Court documents filed by North Shore Rescue allege that the society disrupts its fundraising. Redden said he is concerned how the lawsuit will impact his organization.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Neeson movie knocked back by Alberta is now filming in B.C

A movie denied permission to film in Alberta's mountain national parks is now on location in British Columbia.

"We have moved four to five days into B.C. for now," said Mark Voyce, unit manager for the film *Hard Powder*. Voyce said staff for the movie are looking for extras for several days of filming in Fernie and Cranbrook.

Hard Powder, starring Liam Neeson, had originally applied to Parks Canada for permits to film in several parts of the Rocky

Mountain national parks in Alberta, including Banff, the Lake Louise townsite and ski hill, and the Columbia Icefields.

Weeks before the crew were scheduled to begin filming, Parks Canada turned them down. A letter from the agency listed eight deficiencies in their application, although staff with the production company said most of those questions had been answered in the original application.

Parks Canada officials later acknowledged the film's plot was a

concern. Action star Neeson is to play an honest snowplow driver whose son is murdered by a local drug kingpin. He then seeks to dismantle the cartel, but his efforts spark a turf war involving a First Nations gang boss, played by Indigenous actor, musician and Order of Canada member Tom Jackson.

Parks Canada said concerns over the fact the gang leader was Indigenous was "an important factor in the agency's final decision."

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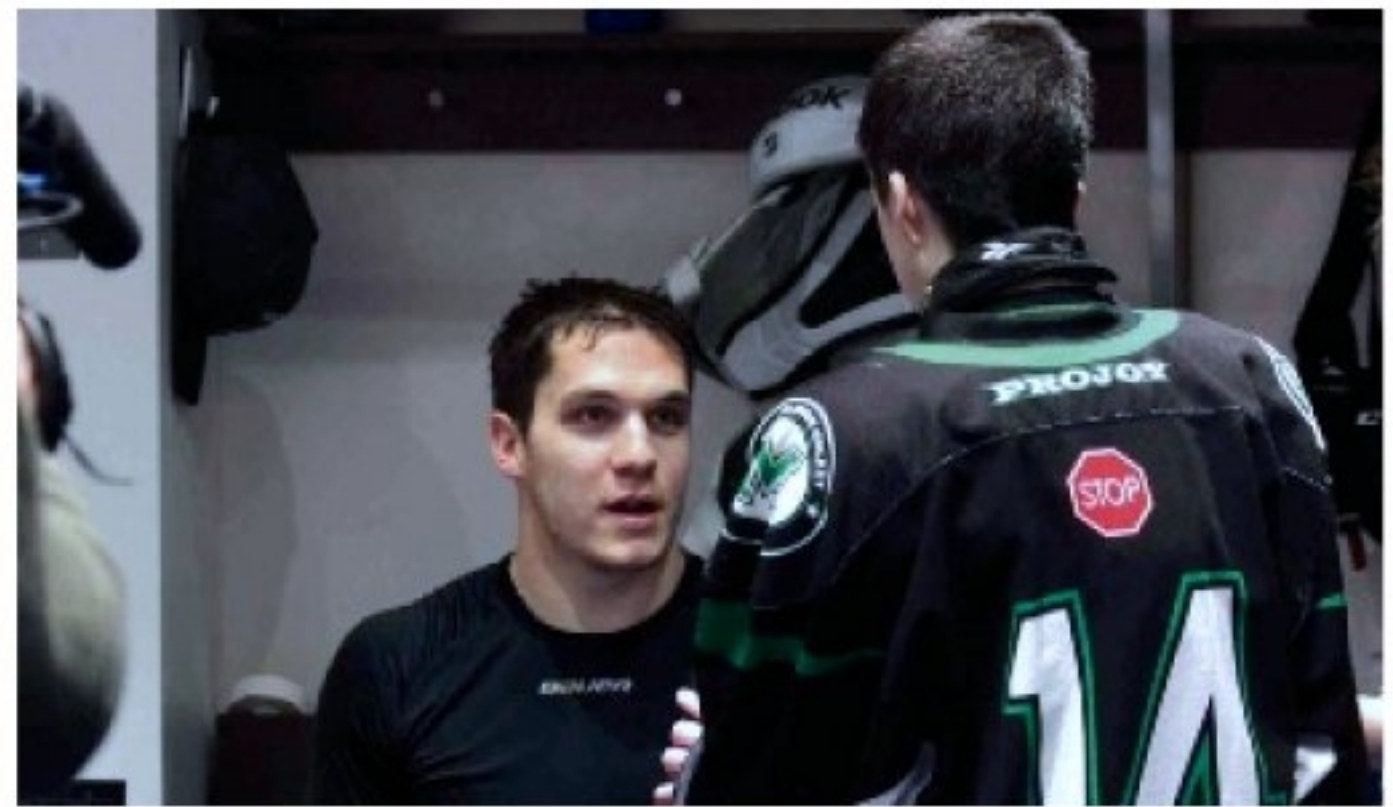
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Mission's Matt Snow-Ross, 13, who's living with a heart defect, got his wish come true to play hockey with Canucks player Bo Horvat. ASHLEY SINGH/FOR METRO

13-year-old laces up with Horvat

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

Matt Snow-Ross, who lives with heart defect, has wish come true

Ashley Singh
For Metro | Vancouver

Born with a heart defect, Matt Snow-Ross was told he wouldn't be able to play sports. But that didn't stop Matt from playing hockey and even hitting the ice with the Canucks on Wednesday morning.

The 13-year-old's complicated heart defect resulted in three surgeries. His time spent at Children's Hospital was the first of many encounters with the Canucks.

"I think with every surgery he had they were in for a visit and he really got to know them," said Matt's mom, Frances Snow.

At the age of eight, Matt finally

had his doctor's approval to try hockey. According to his dad, Russ Ross, once he did get the chance to play, Matt was instantly hooked.

"When Matt was born they told us he probably wouldn't play any sports," said Ross. "He wouldn't be able to keep up with the other kids and ever since he was old enough to turn on the TV, he would never turn on cartoons, he always turned on the sports channels and watched games and highlights."

According to Snow, Matt was qualified to be a part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, but didn't show interest until three years ago when some family members and his favourite hockey coach (his friend's father) passed away.

"(Matt) came over and sat on my lap one night and said that he would like me to contact Make-

A-Wish and asked for his wish to come true and that's sort of how it all came about," said Snow.

Soon the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Canucks were able to make Matt's wish true. Matt and his friend Angus watched the Canucks practise Wednesday, and then laced up their skates to scrimmage with centre Bo Horvat.

For Matt, his favourite part of the day was being taught how to hit the crossbar.

"It was really nice being able to play with the Canucks," said Matt.

Matt's parents, who are also Canuck fans, said they couldn't be more thrilled for their son.

"If anything we just want to thank Make-A-Wish for making this come true and also the Canucks organization for allowing us to be here today. A big thanks," said Snow.

We just want to thank Make-a-Wish for making this come true.

Russ Snow

REAL ESTATE

February sales down from last year

Home sales across British Columbia in February were typical for the month, according to real estate experts, but when compared to sales just one year earlier, the numbers appear much more stark.

The British Columbia Real Estate Association says a total of 6,580 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service in February and the average price of a home was \$688,117.

Association chief economist

Cameron Muir says in a news release that consumer demand has returned to a more typical level and the latest numbers reflect February averages since 2000.

They contrast with what Muir calls "the extraordinary performance of a year ago," as the association reports home sales in February were down 31.7 per cent from February 2016 and the average price of a B.C. home decreased 11.7 per cent over the same period.

Association figures also show total sales dollar volume in February was \$4.53 billion, a plunge of 39.7 per cent from February 2016.

The decline is blamed on slowing of home sales in Metro Vancouver.

"Last month, 37 per cent of B.C. home sales occurred in the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver's area, compared to 44 per cent in February 2016," Muir says in the release.

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Karim Baratov, a Canadian man of Kazakh origins, has been arrested as one of four suspects in a Yahoo hack. INSTAGRAM

One Canadian, three Russians and Yahoo A lavish lifestyle

LEGAL

Young man allegedly paid to access hacked accounts

A 22-year-old Kazakh-Canadian man with expensive taste is facing charges of identity theft and conspiracy to commit computer fraud in connection with one of the biggest data breaches ever — the theft of 500 million Yahoo user accounts in early 2014.

Karim Baratov, a dual national of Kazakhstan and Canada, was arrested on Tuesday morning at his home in Ancaster, Ont. by Toronto Police and handed over to the RCMP, according to police spokesperson Mark Pugash.

Baratov is accused of being paid by two Russian spies to break into the email accounts

of targeted individuals, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The two members of the Russian intelligence agency FSB, Dmitry Dokuchaev, 33, and Igor Sushchin, 43, and Russian hacker Aleksey Belan, 29, who was on the FBI's most wanted cyber criminals list and has been previously indicted twice for computer fraud, are facing more serious charges of criminal espionage, computer hacking and conspiracy-related offences after being indicted along with Baratov by a grand jury in northern California at the end of February.

The stolen information from the Yahoo hack was used to break into the email accounts of Russian journalists, U.S. and Russian government officials and employees in private-sector companies, according to the Justice Department release. Belan allegedly used the access to the

500 million email accounts for "personal financial gain."

Baratov's alleged involvement in the hacking conspiracy between January 2014 and December 2016 is detailed in an indictment filed with a San Francisco court. None of the charges have been proven in court.

Baratov was allegedly paid to obtain unauthorized access to more than 80 email accounts, including 50 Google accounts. He generally charged about \$100 (USD) per account and was paid at least \$1,000 in "money and other things of value" between April 2015 and 2016, according to the indictment.

If he is convicted, prosecutors will seek a forfeiture order for Baratov's PayPal account and the fancy cars he was well-known for in Ancaster — an Aston Martin DBS with the licence plate "MR KARIM" and a black Mercedes Benz. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In the photo, Karim Baratov leans against his sleek black Mercedes, parked next to his vanity-plated Aston Martin in the driveway of his Ancaster home. Social media entries that appear to have been posted by Baratov portray the life of a wealthy young man with money to burn on luxury cars, arm-length tattoos and performance-enhancing workout supplements. Classmates said that Baratov began driving flashy cars and wearing expensive clothes in high school.

"He had the biggest amount of disposable income that I'd ever seen for a person that age," said Jake Hagen, who went to school with Baratov in Grade 7. "He bought his friends everything (like) clothes, and he'd take them all out to dinner ... He was a guy who very much understood that he was very well off and that people hung out with him because he had money."

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HEALTH

Mortality rate lower among immigrants

Immigrants are 60 per cent less likely to die during a given time period than native-born Canadians and long-term residents, says a study that examines mortality rates based on immigration and socioeconomic status.

According to the joint study by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and the University of Toronto, immigrants had a much lower death rate than non-immigrants, even if they happen to live in the most deprived areas in the province.

The mortality rate, or death rate, is a measure of the number of deaths in the population,



Immigrants have lower mortality in everywhere we look at.

Laura Rosella

typically indicated in units of deaths per 1,000 people over a specific time frame. Immigrants' lower mortality rate translated into 42,700 fewer deaths overall and 18,400 fewer premature deaths during the study period from 2002 to 2012, the study said.

"We were surprised by the magnitude of the difference. It's big and substantial," said UofT epidemiologist Laura Ro-

sella, the lead author of the research paper.

Based on population and demographic databases, as well as census results and immigration records, the study examined the mortality rates across the socioeconomic spectrum among immigrants, native-born Canadians and long-term residents who came here before 1985.

There were 934,765 deaths

registered in Ontario during the study period, including 19,501 deaths among female immigrants and 20,514 deaths among male immigrants.

"Immigrants have lower mortality in everywhere we look at. Even when they are in lower socioeconomic status, they are still healthier," Rosella said. She attributed this partially to what's known as the "healthy immigrant effect," a trend where newcomers to Canada are healthier than the Canadian population, though over time, their health as well as that of their children declines. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dutch reject far-right party

VOTE

PM Mark Rutte beat anti-Islam leader Geert Wilders

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Wednesday claimed a dominating parliamentary election victory over anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders, who failed the year's first litmus test for populism in Europe.

The Netherlands' main exit poll suggested Rutte's party won 31 seats in the 150-member legislature, 12 more than Wilders' party, which shared second place with two other parties.

Following Britain's vote to leave the European Union and Donald Trump's election as U.S. president, "the Netherlands said, 'Whoa! Stop!' to the wrong kind of populism," said Rutte, who is now poised for a third term as prime minister.

"We want to stick to the course we have — safe and stable and prosperous," he added.

Wilders had insisted that whatever the result of the election, the kind of populist politics



People wait in line to vote in the Dutch general elections in The Hague on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

he and others in Europe represent aren't going away.

"Rutte has not seen the back of me!" Wilders said in a Twitter message after the exit poll results had sunk in.

Both France and Germany have elections this year in which far-right candidates and parties are hoping to make an impact.

"Wilders could not win the

election," German socialist leader Martin Schulz tweeted. "I am relieved, but we need to continue to fight for an open and Free Europe."

Rutte, who for much of the campaign appeared to be racing to keep pace with Wilders, may have profited from the hard line he drew in a diplomatic standoff with Turkey over the past week.

The fight erupted over the Netherlands' refusal to let two Turkish government ministers address rallies in Rotterdam about a referendum that could give Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan more powers. It gave Rutte an opportunity to refuse to bow to foreign pressure, a stance with widespread backing in the nation.

Amsterdam Free University political scientist Andre Krouwel said the clash with Ankara allowed Rutte to tell the electorate, "We are the ones who really protect your interests; we are the ones who go down into the trenches to defend the Netherlands."

Under brilliant skies, the Dutch went to vote in huge numbers, with turnout estimated to have reached at 82 per cent.

In a subplot of the elections, the Ipsos exit poll had the Green Left party registering a historic victory, turning it into the largest party on the left wing of Dutch politics for the first time.

The Greens leapt from four seats to 16 in parliament after a strong campaign by charismatic leader Jesse Klaver, who invites comparisons to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, according to the exit poll.

"This is a fantastic result for us, a historic victory," Green Left chairwoman Marjolein Meijer said. It remains to be seen if the 30-year-old Klaver will take his party into the next ruling coalition, which looks likely to be dominated by Rutte's VVD and other right-leaning parties.

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ELECTIONS

Dutch vote is only the first step

The Dutch vote is likely to resonate across borders, even though local campaign issues differ. Here's a look at Europe's upcoming electoral battlegrounds:

FRANCE

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen has set the tone for the campaign for France's election with her anti-immigrant and anti-globalization program.

Le Pen argues that Muslim immigration and economic globalization are destroying France's identity, and polls suggest she could advance to the second round of France's election, set for April 23 and May 7.

GERMANY

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, seen abroad as a bulwark of tolerance, is seeking re-election in September.

Committed to European unity, Merkel's conservatives face a challenge from the nationalist Alternative for Germany party. But the party, known as AfD, has lost lustre amid infighting and other scandals, and as the migrant influx that helped drive their rise has slowed.

Merkel's biggest threat is from the resurgent centre-left Social Democrats under former European Parliament chief Martin Schulz. Schulz is also committed to European unity; so far, he has focused his pitch on tackling economic injustices at home.

ITALY

Italy is facing a national parliamentary election in 2018 unless anti-establishment parties succeed in getting earlier polling, after pro-EU Premier Matteo Renzi resigned following the failure of a reforms referendum in December. With Italy's economy failing to rebound for years, opinion polls show the populist 5-Star Movement, led by satirical comic Beppe Grillo, is consolidating gains over the ruling Democratic Party and its allies.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Federal judge in Hawaii puts Trump's Muslim ban on hold

Hours before it was to take effect, President Donald Trump's revised travel ban was put on hold Wednesday by a federal judge in Hawaii who questioned whether the administration was motivated by national security concerns.

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson also said Hawaii would suffer financially if the executive order blocked the flow of students and tourists to the state, and he concluded that Hawaii was likely to succeed on a claim that the ban violates First Amendment protections against religious discrimination.

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"The illogic of the government's contentions is palpable," Watson wrote. "The notion that one can demonstrate animus toward any group of people only by targeting all of them at once is fundamentally flawed."

Trump called the ruling an example of "unprecedented judicial overreach" and said his administration would appeal it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We're going to win. We're going to keep our citizens safe," the president said at a rally in Nashville. "The danger is clear.



The illogic of the government's contentions is palpable.

Judge Derrick Watson

The law is clear. The need for my executive order is clear."

The judge issued his 43-page ruling less than two hours after hearing Hawaii's request for a temporary restraining order to stop the ban from being put into practice.

The ruling came as opponents renewed their legal challenges across the country, asking judges in three states to

block the executive order that targets people from six predominantly Muslim countries. Federal courts in Maryland, Washington state and Hawaii heard arguments Wednesday about whether it should be allowed to take effect early Thursday as scheduled.

In all, more than half a dozen states are trying to stop the ban. Watson made it clear that his

decision applied nationwide, ruling that the ban could not be enforced at any U.S. borders or ports of entry or in the issuance of visas.

Nominated to the federal bench by President Barack Obama in 2012, he is currently the only Native Hawaiian judge serving on the federal bench and the fourth in U.S. history. He received his law degree from Harvard in 1991.

In Maryland, attorneys told a federal judge that the measure still discriminates against Muslims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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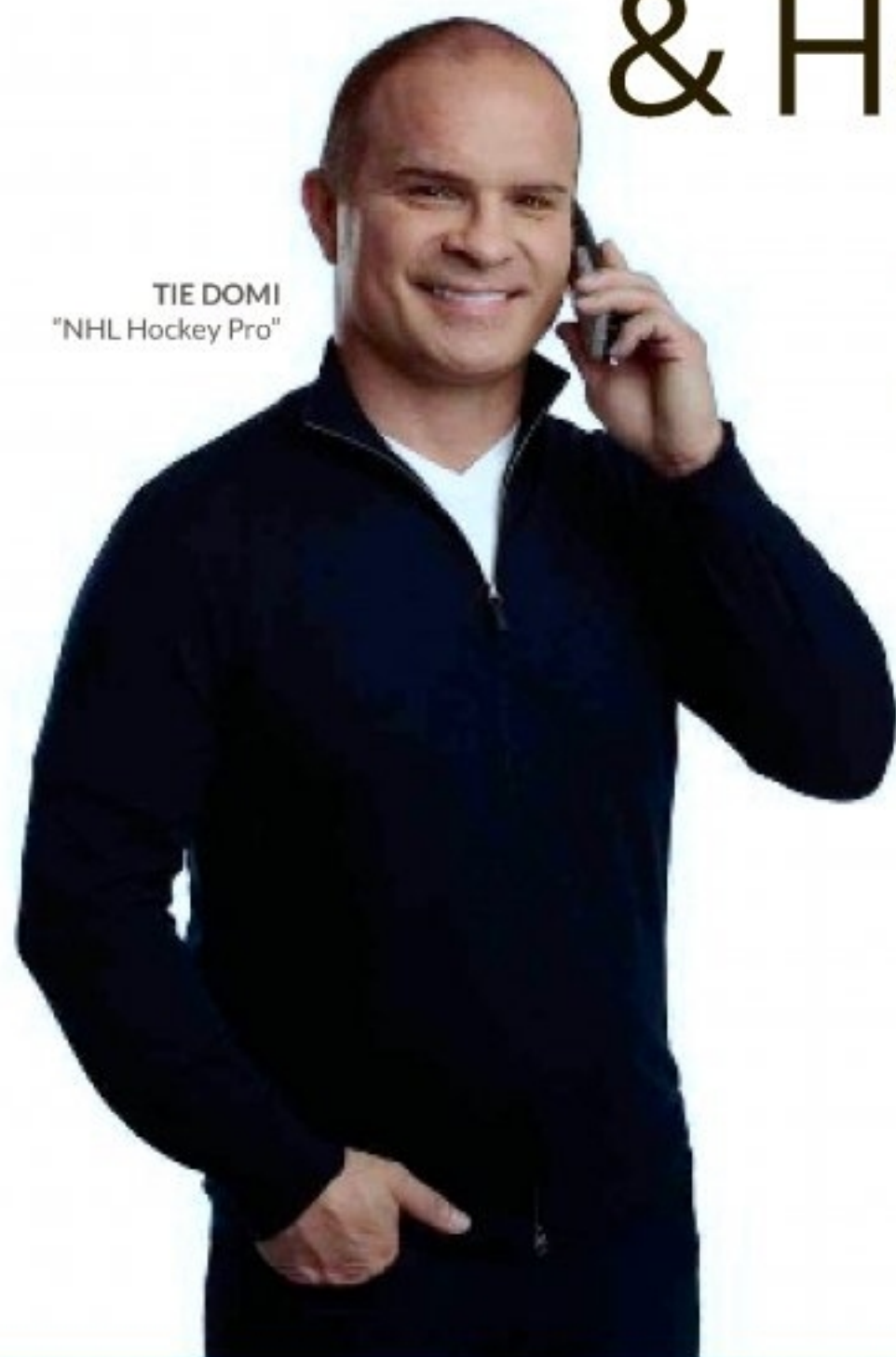
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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON ALBERTA'S ABSENCE



The West fuelled the national conservative movement for decades. But no Albertans have a shot at federal leadership, so Tories are putting their hopes in the provinces.

For more than 20 years, a politician from Alberta has held the leading position on one side or the other in the House of Commons. That unbroken spell will come to a halt when the federal Conservatives pick a permanent successor to Stephen Harper next May.

The conspicuous absence of an Alberta candidate in the top-tier of the crowded federal leadership field is one of the striking features of the ongoing battle for the Conservative crown.

Among the 14 candidates only Deepak Obhrai hails from the province. The longest-serving MP in Parliament is not expected to make it out of the lower tier of the pack on the Conservatives' preferential ballot.

The province's absence is conspicuous because while the party, under Harper, extended its wings in Central Canada, much of the intellectual energy that has fuelled the conservative movement over the past two decades has come from the West and in particular from Alberta.

In different ways, Ralph Klein, Preston Manning and Harper himself all had a hand at changing some of the terms of the national conversation.

If only for that reason, it is as hard to fathom a federal Conservative leadership contest that does not feature a strong Alberta contender as it is to imagine a Liberal line-up that did not boast at least one leading aspirant from Quebec.

Yet in this campaign, Saskatchewan's Andrew Scheer is the only candidate that can be described as having a serious shot



Deepak Obhrai is the lone Albertan in the pack of 14 Conservative Party leadership candidates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

at keeping the federal leadership torch in Western Canadian hands.

But to travel to Alberta as the campaign for Harper's succession enters the last stretch is also to be reminded that the battle between some of the former prime minister's presumptive heirs for the moral leadership of the Canadian right is not limited to the federal front.

Indeed, in Alberta as in Ontario, the federal front may be a secondary one.

On Saturday, Alberta's Progressive Conservatives will select a permanent replacement for the late Jim Prentice. By all accounts the result is a foregone conclusion. Former immigration minister Jason Kenney's widely expected leadership victory is only the first step on the path to reconciling the province's feuding conservative clans.

Next on the agenda is the

negotiation of a mutually agreeable arrangement between the Wildrose party and the Tories and another leadership round between their respective leaders.

Kenney would like to replicate Harper's winning federal formula and take the helm of a reunited provincial party. Wildrose leader Brian Jean whose party is the official opposition in Edmonton is not inclined to hand the provincial reins to his former federal colleague without a fight.

A Mainstreet poll published this week reported that there would be room in that future contest for a compromise candidate liable to squeeze past Kenney and Jean.

On that score, a name that keeps coming up is that of Rona Ambrose. She will relinquish her position as interim leader once a permanent successor to Harper is chosen.

Conservative insiders say they would not be surprised if she left the federal arena before the House reopens next fall.

As official opposition leader since the last election, Ambrose has had a good run. If she decided to run provincially, she would not lack for support. Whether she wants to take on Kenney and Jean is anybody's guess at this juncture. It is also not a given that she would win.

But there is no doubt that the leadership of a united Alberta conservative party looks like a more attractive prize than Harper's succession.

With premier Rachel Notley's New Democrats languishing in third place in voting intentions, the provincial Conservatives can see a path back to power in Edmonton sooner rather than later.

The same is not true of their federal cousins. Their leadership campaign has been plagued by doubts as to whether any of the candidates has a shot at stopping Justin Trudeau from securing a second mandate or even at hanging on to the party's current seats.

By the time he left office, Harper towered over Canada's Conservative movement. But with conservatives in power in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the conservative opposition leading in the polls in Ontario and Alberta, whoever succeeds the former prime minister will have to earn his or her moral authority on the Canadian right the hard way.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

Women have enough to do, we can't fix wage inequality alone, too



Vicky Mochama
Metro

If you're a young woman or a woman of colour, you're apparently never supposed to ask about money for work you do.

The Winnipeg-based food delivery company Skip the Dishes got into trouble when a prospective employee shared emails showing the company had cancelled her second interview after she asked about pay and benefits. The interviewee, Taylor Byrnes, actually apologized at the same time she asked, saying, "Sorry, I just thought I should ask now." (The company has since apologized and offered Byrnes the second interview.)

It's not just entry-level office jobs that don't want to pay women for their labour.

The Next Web, a tech conference held in Amsterdam this year, sent out offers for speakers including Luvvie Ajayi, a New York Times best-selling author whose book is being turned into a TV show by Shonda "I Own Primetime TV" Rhimes. Ajayi's speaking agent was told that the conference, which nets millions in sponsorships, didn't have a budget for speakers.

If she could just bounce over to Amsterdam for free, that'd be great. Ajayi turned them down.

Being a working woman is exhausting for many reasons: tights are a scam invented by Big Pantyhose, having to hold back screams when men say your own ideas back to you and well, that whole sexual harassment thing.

But one of the most ex-

hausting things, aside from the actual work itself, is knowing that money you've earned is being kept from you.

In Byrnes' case, the company initially said that even asking about money "at such an early stage" showed that her "priorities are not in sync with those of SkipTheDishes."

In the Lean In school feminism, women are told that they're not asking for enough money (we're not), and that there's some magical combination of ways to ask successfully. The reality is that by attrition and by opacity, women are not being compensated for their labour.

We see this most starkly in industries that are most often dominated by women like nursing, caregiving, and retail. Women also make up a majority of part-time and low-income work.

It should not just be on women to do the asking, but also on companies to offer. Income transparency is one way to put a little more equity into the workforce. Three Nordic countries — Norway, Sweden and Finland — all have a version of income transparency that allows citizens to see each other's tax records. You want to know what your colleague makes? Google it, then negotiate.

Along with other public policy fixes such as non-transferable paid paternity leave (dads must pay their dues in the diaper mines), and gender quotas in public institutions, women in the Nordic countries are much less likely to be shortchanged for their work.

The work that women do is invaluable, but that doesn't mean it's not worth paying for.

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SUSTAINABILITY WITH STYLE HOW TO LIVE A BIODEGRADABLE LIFE

We often lament about how nothing lasts anymore. But for a new wave of biodegradable home-related items, breaking down is a good thing. "There is a pull towards being more sustainable from designers and artists, which is now gaining momentum and becoming more fashionable," says designer Spencer Jenkins, who makes furniture and sculptures that are woven, carved or steamed from wood and willow. "This needs to happen if the world as a whole is to survive." We rounded up stylish products that can be enjoyed guilt-free. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Wrap and wash guilt-free

Trust the Swedes to design a **dishcloth that is not only stylish, but also 100 per cent biodegradable**. According to Marie Kanwischer, owner of SwedeThings, the Swedish dishcloth is nothing new: "These have been a household staple for over 60 years back home." Made of cellulose and cotton, the cloths are machine washable. \$7, Swedethings.ca. Toni Desrosiers is the queen bee behind Abeego, an all-natural **food wrap made of hemp and cotton fabric** that has been coated with a combination of beeswax, tree resin and jojoba oil. It can be used to wrap food or cover a bowl. \$15 to \$18, abeego.com.



2 Brush off your plastic worries with bamboo

That plastic toothbrush sitting in your bathroom is dirty, ending up in landfills, or even worse: washing up on beaches, according to toothbrush maker Brush with Bamboo. Have a clean conscience and opt for a plant-based, **bamboo toothbrush**. BPA-free, vegan, verified non-toxic and biodegradable. \$6 Ecoexistence.ca.



MILLENNIALS LEADING CHARGE
A 2015 Nielson survey found nearly three out of four millennials say sustainability is a shopping priority.

4 Sit back, relax on some flax

Christien Meindertsma's **flax chair** will soon be available in Canada, says a spokesperson for Label-Breed. The chair is made from flax fibres combined with PLA (polylactic acid made from sugarcane and corn starch). \$681, thomaseyck.com.



4 Weaving willow wonders

U.K. artist Spencer Jenkins creates modern **furniture and sculptures with traditional materials such as willow**. His creations range from bespoke furniture, wall and garden sculptures to the massive willow arches he created as lead artist to celebrate the Queen's 60th Jubilee Celebrations in 2012. You can commission your own willow creation from Jenkins, who is happy to ship across the pond. Norfolk Pebble chair, \$9,799; Wall sculptures, \$816 to \$1143, spencerjenkins.co.uk.

5 Throwing shade at waste

Maria Fiter of Crea-re designs eco-friendly lighting with papier-mâché to create **paper lamps** using old newspapers. Fiter's Pluto lamp was inspired by the Solar System. Each lamp is handmade. \$334, ekohunters.com.



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Why she toned down the torture of her characters

INTERVIEW

Chevy Stevens faced criticism for writing violent scenes

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Chevy Stevens is hiding in her washroom. If this was a scene from one of her novels, she might be trying to escape a kidnapper, but, in reality, this is the only place Stevens can find a few minutes of quiet for this interview, away from her inquisitive four-year-old daughter.

Being a mother has changed not only Stevens' life, but her approach to writing. Now that the Vancouver Island author has a kid, she's more aware of what she puts down on paper.

"I don't write about a child being hurt now, that's for sure," she says. "I have a phobia that if I wrote something about a child and something happened in my real life, I would be terrified that I brought it. I know — as if I'm godlike, or have that power — but this is a secret hidden fear and super-

stitution."

Her latest, *Never Let You Go*, follows Lindsey Nash, a young mom who escapes in the dead of night from her abusive husband, Andrew. Eleven years later with her life happily re-established, she discovers that Andrew is out of prison, and although legally he must stay away from her and her now-teenage daughter Sophie, Lindsey can't shake the chilling sense she's being watched. The story switches perspectives between Lindsey's growing fears and Sophie's conflicted desire to know her father, with a giant twist of an ending.

Never Let You Go is a departure from Stevens' previous five books, all of which are set on Vancouver Island. For one, there is much less graphic physical violence, something Stevens has never shied away from since her 2010 debut, *Still Missing*, about a real-estate agent who is tortured in a remote cabin.

Written while Stevens was working as a realtor herself — her books often emerge out of her own fears — she sold her own home so she could focus on writing full-time. The gamble paid off: the manuscript landed Stevens an agent, a

three-book publishing deal, and turned her into an international bestselling breakout star.

While Stevens' thrillers have been praised for their gripping, no-apologies storytelling and strong female protagonists, she has occasionally faced criticism over the violence inflicted on them by male characters.

"I think I was in a darker place in my own life. I just didn't want to go there anymore," she says. "I wanted to experiment with how to make something really suspenseful. I wanted to show how someone can keep you constantly scared, even if they're not doing something directly to you. How do I write a really scary book that is about physical violence, but without it being about women being abducted or murdered, or serial killers, or all those typical things?"

Although *Never Let You Go* is not autobiographical, Stevens admits she was influenced subconsciously by memories of her father, who died when she was 22. Like Andrew, Stevens' dad was an alcoholic,

who became violent when drinking.

"He would smash or break things, and he had a lot of problems with anger. But my dad was a great guy," she says. "It's so hard to explain, even in your own mind, I still feel protective when I talk about him sometimes."

In hindsight, Stevens also directly relates to a few scenes between Sophie and Andrew, but says the parallels were unintentional.

"This isn't an agenda book," she says adamantly. "I didn't write it thinking, 'I'm going to sit down and process all these feelings about my father,' but sometimes I would step outside myself and think, 'Holy crap, I've totally been there.'"

However, Stevens did imagine while writing that some day she hopes to enjoy a tight-knit relationship with her offspring, like the one between Lindsey and Sophie.

"It was my way of projecting onto the future," she says. "It is a love story, but it's a mother-daughter love story."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Never Let You Go is about domestic abuse, but Chevy Stevens says it's more suspenseful and less violent than her previous work.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Good girls who deserved better

THE SHOW: *Good Girls Revolt*, Season 1, Episode 1 (Amazon Prime)
THE MOMENT: Nora quits

At News of the Week magazine in 1969, young men are writers, and young women are researchers, making them look good. But new researcher Nora Ephron (Grace Gummer) wrote a story, and wants a byline.

"That's not the way we do things here," growls editor Wick McFadden (Jim Belushi).

"Your rules are dumb," Nora says. "If copy's good, it's good." Now the whole room is listening.

"Young lady, you might not want to make waves, lest we have doubts about our decision to hire you," Wick says. "Back to work, dear." "This is ridiculous," Nora says. "I quit."

"Your name is all you have in journalism. So good luck, Nora Ephron," Wick says. He turns to another researcher. "Get me a cup of coffee, will ya?"

This subject is dear to my heart. As a newbie journalist in New York 15 years later, I stood on the shoulders of these women, who risked everything to sue their employers for equal opportunity. So I wanted to love



Good Girls Revolt is so on the nose that it leaves viewers bloodied. CONTRIBUTED

this show.

But it's so on the nose that watching it practically gives you a bloody nose from being repeatedly punched on the nose. Every scene is the same: the women do bold things, the men squash them.

And the dialog! "I'm young. I want to tiptoe through the tulips. I feel like you're putting me in a box," says insurrection leader Patti (Genevieve Angelson, perfectly cast) to her writer boyfriend.

"You're not a reporter, you're a researcher," he replies. "And we had a date." These good girls deserve better.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

A heroic stoner with burning will to belong

INTERVIEW

Eden Robinson unveils a most unlikely hero in new novel

A weed cookie-dealing stoner teen may not seem like your typical hero, but the fictional high school burnout proves he's got plenty of heart in Eden Robinson's *Son of a Trickster*.

The coming of age novel is the first in a decade for the acclaimed writer, who grew up in Haisla territory near Kitamaat Village, B.C. Her last fiction title, *Blood Sports*, was published in 2006.

Son of a Trickster offers an offbeat mix of humour and heart-break in what Robinson describes as a "screwball gothic."

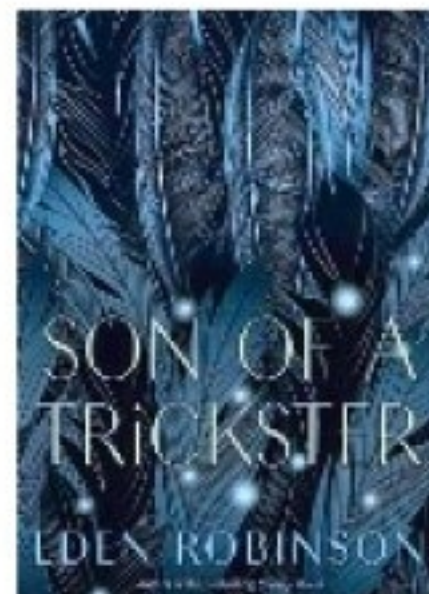
The story centres on 16-year-old Jared, who is shouldering burdens most kids his age couldn't fathom.

After his parents divorce, his mom, Maggie, is struggling to pay the mortgage and keeping company with a drug-dealing boyfriend. There's also the matter of tending to his ailing dad, Phil, and helping his stepsister, Destiny, with her little one.

While trying to support his family, Jared also makes time to help his elderly neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Jaks, who cared for him while his mother was in anger management.

"(With) the earliest versions of him, what always came through was his sense of wanting to belong to a family, and creating families when he didn't have any, and not wanting to let go of any of his connections. So he would do a lot of keep them," said Robinson, whose debut novel *Monkey Beach* was shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award.

"Another part of the origin of the novel was when you're living in the small company towns you see how precarious employment can be," she added. "When everyone around you loses their job, and it's not just your family, it's your community that's kind of being shuttered when a big



company closes.

"I just wanted to explore that in fiction because I don't think it's a story that's told a lot; and if it is told, it's told in passing, it's not given as much weight."

Jared maintains a loving relationship with his paternal grandmother, Nana Sophia. He receives a far chillier reception

from his maternal grandmother, Anita Moody, who brands him a Wee'git, or "trickster."

While skeptical of the label, he starts to think twice when ravens start speaking to him, and he encounters elements in the supernatural world even when he's not under the influence.

Robinson's mother is Heiltsuk, but the indigenous author grew up in her Haisla dad's community where it was common for grownups to gather around the kitchen table sharing Wee'git stories.

"Wee'git in our culture is a character that teaches you about protocol, about the way we behave, about what we do, and how we related to people. But he teaches you that by breaking all the rules," Robinson said, erupting into her signature, hearty laugh.

"He's a very transgressive character. So his stories are always funny, crazy, and usually quite earthy."

Son of a Trickster is the first in a planned trilogy from Robinson. By the conclusion of the first novel, there appear to be signs that Jared's frayed familial bonds — particularly with his frosty grandmother — could be on the mend. THE CANADIAN PRESS



“He's a very transgressive character. So his stories are always funny, crazy, earthy.”

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Fashion's not so clear-cut trend



HANDOUT

I live in a city where it rains constantly so I'm down for the knee windshield. And when they steam up you could squiggle messages onto them like a bathroom mirror.

Leila Bani, Vancouver, stylist and art director

@leilabani



I'm all for mom jeans — they're definitely the most flattering fit for a woman with curves. But the knees are the most boring part of the leg. In my opinion, expose the butt or the crotch, they're much more worthy of attention.

Maya Fuhr, Toronto, photographer

@mayafuhr



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FASHION

Why a little less denim is causing a whole lot of debate



Nichole Jankowski
For Metro | Toronto

They are the jeans that launched a thousand tweets.

Described as "clear panel mom jeans" on Topshop's website, these pants are fast fashion at its best, or worst, depending on your outlook.

An amalgamation of trends — high-waisted, translucent, ripped, patched, cropped and stone washed — all colliding in a single item. They look like Topshop has replaced its

designers with algorithms. But they're also a beautiful mashup of our times.

The "cool clear knee panel detail" are the perfect windows to show off your fishnet tights, which are currently being worn under jeans thanks to Kim Kardashian and the rest of the clan. They're also winter-weather appropriate ripped denim.

Sold under Topshop's Moto private label, they are being carried at Nordstrom in the States and Hudson's Bay in Canada.

Yesterday, they caught the attention of the Internet in a big way and has mainstream media asking "but why?" or whether these pants are a sign of the end times.

But here at Metro we're not interested in the reason, just your reaction.



VOGUE LAUNCHES ARABIAN EDITION

Vogue launched its newest international edition this month, targeting a niche audience in the Middle East that is fashion conscious, style-driven and wealthy. If its debut is anything to go by, it

promises to be bold, representative and deferential.

The 22nd international edition of Vogue featured on its cover American supermodel Gigi Hadid, whose father is Palestinian, wearing an em-

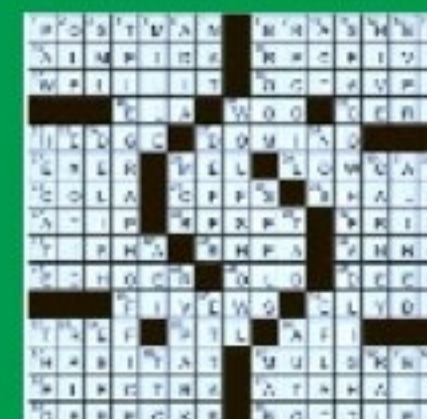
bellished, mesh veil covering half her face. With one eye peering out from beneath the veil, the cover words aimed readers directly at its mission: "Reorienting perceptions."

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

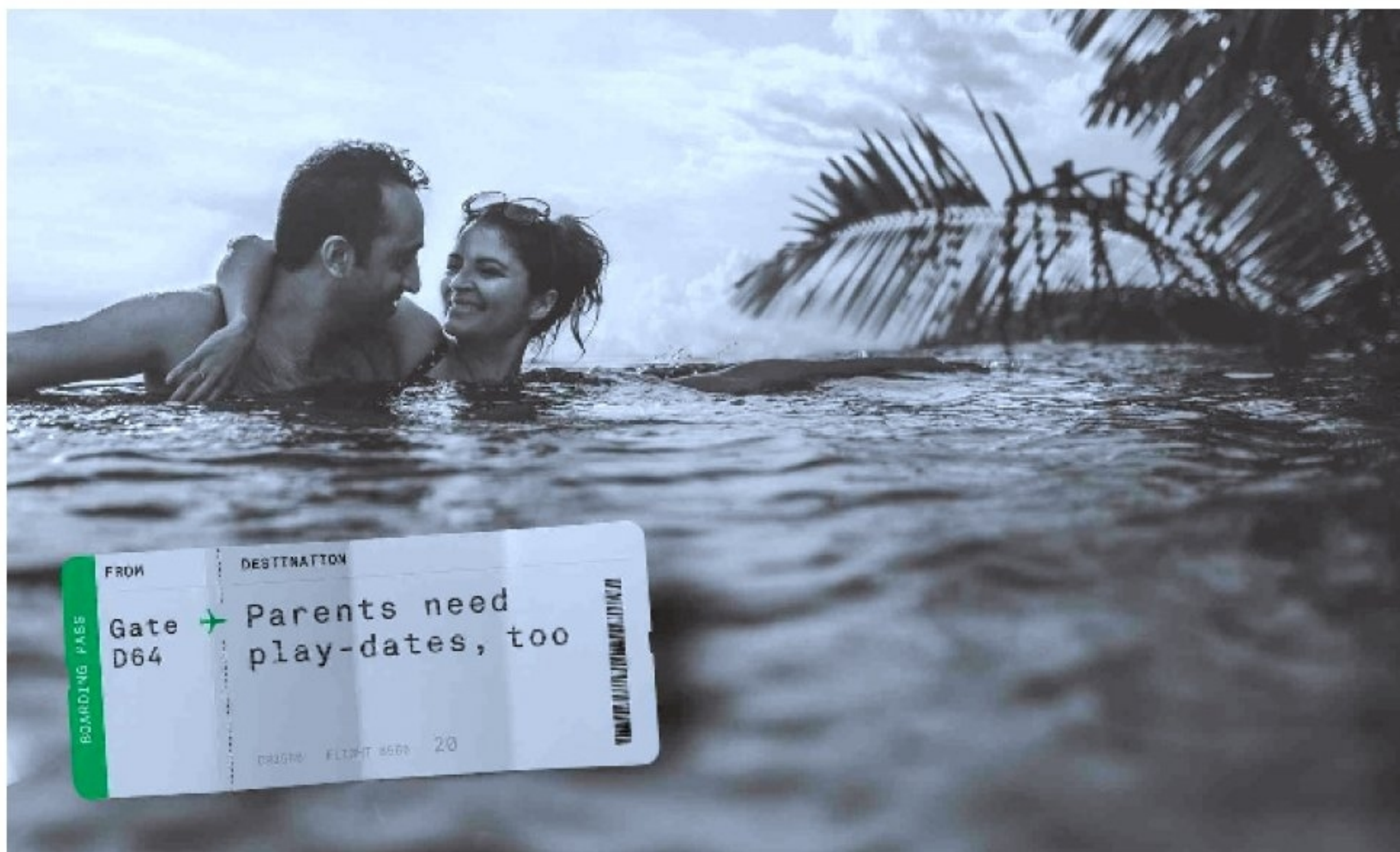
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MEET THE CONDO

All quiet on the Evergreen Line

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Project overview

Simon by Otivo Development Group is a collection of 64 modern condominiums set in the Burquitlam neighbourhood near North Road, bridging Coquitlam and Burnaby. Two and three bedroom homes remain starting at the mid-\$500,000's. It is currently selling and is scheduled for completion in fall/winter 2018.

Housing amenities

The development is fitted with fitness and multipurpose rooms for working out and gatherings of all kinds. Inside the units, the kitchen features quartz countertops with European-style cabinets. Bathrooms are furnished with porcelain tile, Grohe faucets, and Richelieu drawer pulls and details.

Location and transit

The new Evergreen Line is now complete and Simon is a five-minute walk from Burquitlam Station. With this, residents can access Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Burnaby and New Westminster in a few minutes, and Vancouver in under 30. Those with automobiles can quickly access the freeway or Lougheed Highway.

In the neighbourhood

Blocks away from North Road, residents of Simon have access to a plethora of restaurants, parks, and malls. It's also a 10-minute drive away from the Coquitlam Cineplex theatre, as well as Burnaby Mountain with all its hiking and cycling trails.

+ NEED TO KNOW

What: Simon
Builder/Developer: Otivo Development Group
Architect: Ciccozzi Architecture
Location: West Coquitlam/Burquitlam
Building: Six-storey residential
Sizes: Remaining starting at 851 square feet

Model: Remaining two and three bedrooms
Pricing: Starting in the mid-\$500,000's
Status: Selling
Occupancy: Fall/winter 2018
Sales centre: 3355 North Road, unit 170
Phone: (604) 420-4896
Website: simonbyotivo.com

AROMA

Welcome spring into your home with stovetop potpourri

If you've had enough of winter and long for a warm-ish spring day when you can open up the windows and let some fresh air inside, you aren't alone.

Scented candles and room fresheners are popular ways to try to mask stale air. These products often contain ingredients that can be irritating for many people.

"Stovetop simmer pots are essentially an old-fashioned diffuser," says Natacha Rey, founder of Maison Apothecare, an all-natural products retailer

based in Oakville, Ont.

Rey has developed a line of home and personal care products that are naturally scented using pure essential oils. Rey's oils sell for \$25 a bottle — but it's also possible to make your own for a few dollars. It's as simple as throwing a few fresh ingredients into a pot on the stove.

We've been experimenting in the kitchen and have come up with three recipes to help make your home smell like spring using a stovetop pot-

pourri made from citrus fruits and herbs simmering in a pot of water.

The technique is easy: throw the ingredients into a pot, add enough water to cover them, bring to a boil, then turn down the heat and simmer away.

Lemon, rosemary, vanilla

The ingredients create a lemony, woody aroma. Hint: Vanilla extract gives a bolder scent than the pod.

- 3 slices of lemon (you could also opt for lemon peel)

- 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary
- A few drops of vanilla extract (you could also add a piece of a vanilla pod)

Grapefruit, lemon thyme, cardamom

This blend was inspired by a cocktail. Grapefruit is known to be uplifting, energizing and invigorating. As its name implies, lemon thyme also has a slightly citrusy scent. Cardamom is aromatic and has a warming effect.

- 3 slices of grapefruit (you could also opt for just the peel)

- 2 sprigs of fresh lemon thyme
- 4 crushed cardamom pods (opt for 6 for a stronger scent)

Lime, mint, lemongrass

Lime and citrus make this combination like a mojito for your senses. Mint is known to have a cooling effect and the scent of lemongrass is calming.

- 3 slices of lime (you could also opt for lime peel)
- 2 sprigs of fresh mint
- A four-inch (10 cm) piece of sliced lemongrass

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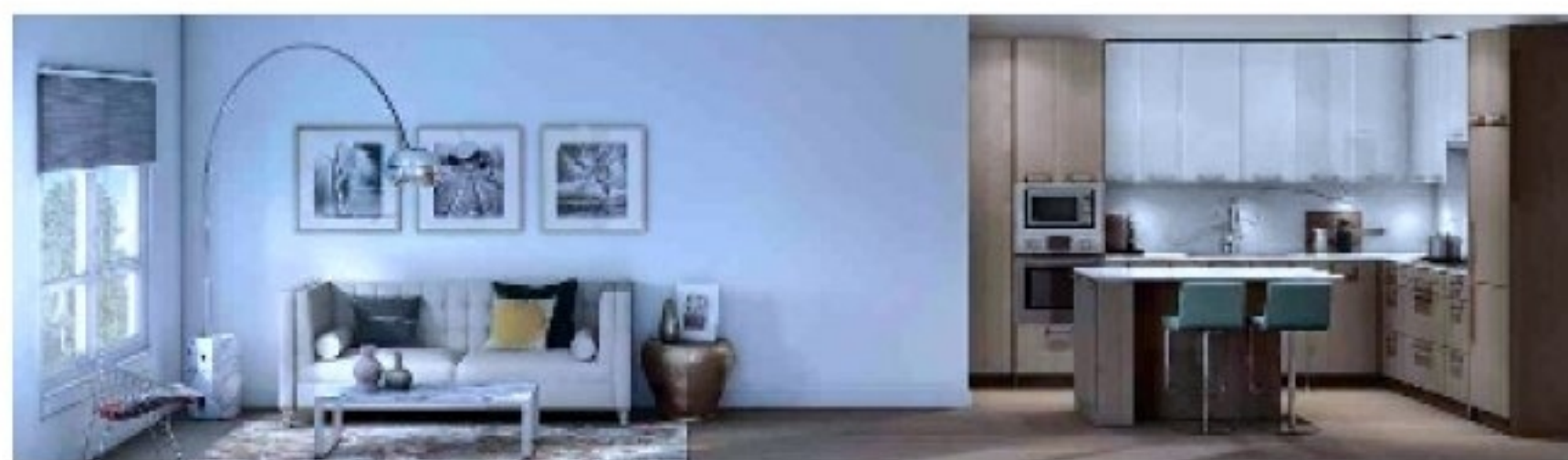


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Reconsidering the humble garage



The facade of the garage door, a focal point of a panelized house designed by Minarc, was created with scrap pieces of wood and left over quartz from the interior countertops. The house is featured in the book *Prefabulous Small Houses* by Sheri Koonos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DESIGN

More than a home for cars, it's a place to also tinker

Silicon Valley started in the Palo Alto, Calif., garage of the Packard family, where Hewlett-Packard was founded, according to the National Register of Historic Places. Steve Jobs launched Apple in his parents' garage. And dozens of American bands started in garages. Amazon, Disney, Google, Harley-Davidson? All famously launched out of garages.

Garages have, for generations, been places for tinkering and creating, where kids build soapbox-derby cars or refinish kayaks. Some garages are home to small catering kitchens or extensive wine collections, and many feature extra refrigerators or freezers. And of course, they often serve as a deep storage and workshop space.

Designers and architects say the idea of the garage as the ultimate multi-purpose room is alive and well, and that modern garages are finally being seriously retooled to better suit those myriad uses.

"When it comes to garage design, functionality is always key. I'm seeing a lot more glass garage doors, whether frosted or clear. It's more fitting for most modern homes, and makes the space more versatile because it lets in the light," said Jonathan

Savage of Nashville-based Savage Interior Design.

"A car collector might want to park in a garage every day to protect their investments, but I store my wine in my garage," he said.

Raw concrete floors are out, frequently replaced by more versatile epoxy or modular rubber flooring, designers say.

"Clients want a floor that can be easily cleaned and mopped, like any other room in the house," Savage said.

And if the garage has windows, he includes window treatments that match those in other parts of the house. Storage units on wheels can be easily rearranged in a pinch, he says, and some garages include not just refrigerators but kitchenettes.

Margaret Mayfield, an architect living in Los Osos, Calif., keeps her washer and dryer in the garage, with most of the floor reserved as a workspace for refinishing furniture and other tinkering projects. Her family's three cars are parked in the driveway, never in the garage.

"You're supposed to keep your cars in the garage, but I hardly know anyone who does," said David Hirsch, a partner at Urban Architectural Initiatives who splits his time between California and New York City.

"My neighbour uses his for woodworking projects, and my daughter uses hers as a sort of casual space and playroom for the kids. And for deep storage. I guess that's another common

use for garages," he said.

Even the carport Hirsch designed for his own Palo Alto, Calif., home — a steel framework over a gravel driveway — goes unused, he said.

Sheri Koonos, author of *Prefabulous Small Houses* (Taunton, 2016) and other books on home building, says garage doors are getting more attention these days.

"Individualizing a garage door makes the entire house look much more interesting," she said, citing a recently constructed house in Santa Monica, Calif., where leftover strips of orange kitchen counter were used to build a striking and artistic garage door.

"They purchased a garage door without siding, laid it all out in the driveway and, using scraps from the construction, really made a gorgeous piece of art," she said. "They made it into so much more than just an ordinary garage door. It's the most beautiful garage door I've seen anybody do, and it adds so much to the look of the whole house."

Koonos also said there is greater demand now for good ventilation in garages, for built-in fittings to facilitate organization, and for garages that are separate from the rest of the house, as opposed to attached garages.

"The garage is such a useful and important space in American culture, and making optimal use of it is much cheaper and more convenient than renting an extra space somewhere," said Hirsch.

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Tim Tebow had his best day with the Mets singling twice and making a diving catch in Wednesday's 6-2 loss to the Marlins

U.S. women threaten to boycott worlds

HOCKEY

Canada rivals say pay equity is responsible for unrest

The Canadian women's hockey team can only watch and wait to see if they'll play chief rival United States in the world championship on American ice.

The U.S. women declared Wednesday they'll boycott the world championship starting March 31 in Plymouth, Mich., unless progress is made settling a wage dispute with USA Hockey. American players say they will not report next Wednesday to their training camp in Taverse City, Mich., without steps towards a new contract.

A few hours after that bombshell dropped, Canadian players on a conference call were still trying to get their heads around the possibility the host country and defending champion could be absent from the biggest women's hockey tournament this calendar year.

"It is difficult to imagine," said defenceman Lauriane Rougeau of Beaconsfield, Que.

"But we respect their decision. We hope they're moving towards a positive agreement in the coming days, so that we would be able to have a good championship."



The Canada-U.S. hockey rivalry is at risk of being put on hold at this year's world championship. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$1,000

According to the statement released by a law firm representing players, USA Hockey has paid players \$1,000 a month during their six-month Olympic residency period and "virtually nothing" the rest of the time.

Canada is scheduled to open the tournament against the U.S. on March 31. Canada and the

U.S. have met in every world championship final dating back to the first in 1990. The Americans have won three straight titles.

"To voluntarily take ourselves out of the running to (repeat) is not easy, but it's what's right and we're asking for what's right and fair," U.S. forward Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson told The Associated Press.

"It's definitely hard. But as a group we've made this decision and as a team and I'm proud to do this with my teammates and

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It is difficult to imagine but we respect their decision.

Canada's Lauriane Rougeau

to stand arm in arm with them and to say enough is enough."

There currently isn't labour unrest among Canada's players, who intend to report next week to their training camp in Leamington, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MMA

Lee to defend One title strap in May

Vancouver-born Angela (Unstoppable) Lee is wasting little time returning to action after making the first successful defence of her One Championship atomweight title.

The 20-year-old Lee, who stopped Taiwan's Jenny Huang in the third round Saturday in Bangkok, will face Brazil's Istela Nunes on May 26 in Singapore, according to the Asia-based mixed martial arts promotion.

Lee, who divides her time these days between her family home in Hawaii and training base in Singapore, will fight Nunes in the main event of One: Dynasty of Heroes at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

Lee (7-0-0) became the organization's inaugural 115-pound champion when she won a unanimous decision over Japanese veteran Mei Yamaguchi last May.

"After my last fight, I showed everybody just how much I have

improved over the last couple of months," Lee said in a statement. "I'm ready to do it again."

Nunes is a two-time Muay Thai world champion with a 5-0-0 professional mixed martial arts record. The 24-year-old Brazilian is coming off a split-decision win over Yamaguchi in August. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Angela Lee

ROSAN RAHMAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



IN BRIEF

Giovinco ruled out for Toronto-Vancouver match

Star striker Sebastian Giovinco has been ruled out of Toronto FC's weekend game in Vancouver.

Giovinco suffered a painful charley horse in Saturday's 2-2 tie in Philadelphia.

Toronto said Giovinco left Tuesday night for Italy to meet with his doctor.

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Bruins snaps Flames' 10-game winning streak

Brad Marchand scored his league-leading 36th goal of the season and David Backes returned after getting hurt to score the game-winner as the Boston Bruins defeated Calgary 5-2 on Wednesday to end the Flames' 10-game winning streak.

Flames starting goalie Brian Elliott was out with the flu. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Crispy Sweet Potato Fries



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



We think dinner sides should be as important (and as delicious) as the main event. If you're looking for a healthier update on everyone's salty addiction, then these sweet potato fries are your ticket to crispiness.

Ready in 40 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 3 medium Sweet Potatoes
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 Tbsp Chinese 5-spice

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Peel and slice sweet potatoes into match sticks. Lay them flat on that cut side and make thin strips. Then turn those strips on their sides and cut into more fine slices. (The skinnier you make them, the crisper they're going to be.)

2. Mix your spices in a large bowl. Pour oil over the spice blend and combine well. Throw in your potatoes and toss until they're completely covered. Lay them out in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Use two sheets if they're looking crowded.

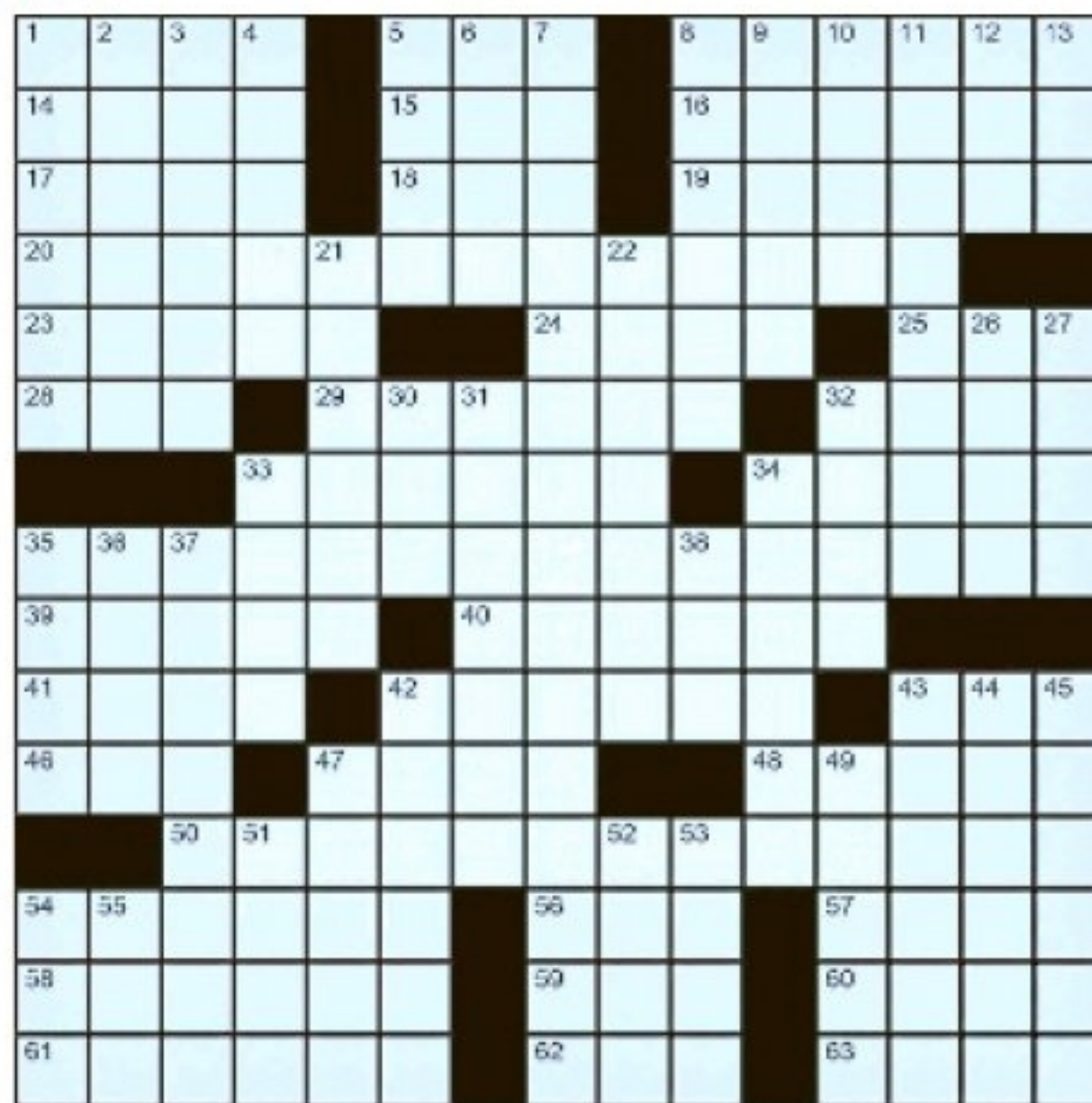
3. Place in a hot oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Take out at the 15-minute mark and turn them over with tongs or a spatula. Keep an eye on them at the end as the edges will char (not that that's a bad thing).

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Celebrity
5. Descriptive wd.
8. Novelist Ms. Jong's
14. Barge __ (intrude)
15. Mr. Rawls
16. Opera: The Three __
17. Literature governess Jane
18. NB's ocean
19. Ms. Sevigny's
20. Moist-soil-like tree sometimes found in southern Ontario: 3 wds.
23. Country singer Ms. Tucker
24. Single-named Art Deco designer
25. Canadian comic Mr. Green
28. Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.
29. Relating to digestion
32. Magic's spell
33. Melon coming from the name of the former name of Turgutlu, a town in Turkey
34. Tom of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
35. Lester B. Pearson won the Nobel Peace Prize for his diplomacy in de-escalating this 1956 dilemma in Egypt: 3 wds.
39. Assuage
40. US Supreme Court Justice Ms. Kagan's
41. Omaha, __
42. Navy titles, e.g.: 2 wds.
43. Jolly: French



46. Racing's Mr. Fabi
47. Prefix to 'matic'
48. Fashionable accessory
50. Regina's beautiful park: 2 wds.
54. Attribute
56. Post-op locale
57. Norwegian king
58. Make the shower

- watertight: 2 wds.
59. Switz.'s continent
60. Fork prong
61. Enthusiastic
62. Position
63. __'acte (intermission)

DOWN

1. Party with a pinata
2. Regardless/nonetheless
3. "Happy Days" star Erin's
4. Foe
5. "There ought to be __ against that!"
6. Shakespear-

- ean verb
7. Shakespeare-inspired architectural features: 2 wds.
8. "Yada, Yada...": 2 wds.
9. Till again
10. "To Live and Die ___" (1985)
11. Stove surfaces

12. "___ you sure?" (Positive?)
13. Initials-sharers of the director of "E.T." (1982)
21. The Pope's office
22. Tested, as a product before going to market, say
26. __, California (The Bionic Woman's hometown)
27. Bons __ (Wit-ticisms)
30. That, in Spain
31. Leon __ (CIA director from 2009 to 2011)
32. Mars, par example
33. Russian ruler
34. Powerfully-toothed tropical fish
35. Filmmaker, Gus Van __
36. Movie bee-keeper
37. Sports protection: 2 wds.
38. Montreal-headquartered train co.
42. Aglow
43. Country star Larry
44. Unmitigated
45. By any chance at all: 2 wds.
47. Sean of 'LOTR' movies
49. \$100 bill, fun-style
51. Tolkien character, __ the Smith
52. Missed __ (Thespian's mistake)
53. Abrupt
54. "This __ surprise!"
55. Sea: French

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Please remember that this is a wonderful year for partnerships for you. It's a great year for Aries to get married. This also includes entering into a business partnership.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This year is the best year in over a decade for you to get a better job or improve your existing job. Likewise, it's the best year in over a decade to improve your health.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Plan on fun holidays this year, because this is a great time to take vacations, explore the arts, be active in sports and enjoy playful activities with children.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It's important to know that this is the year to create your dream home. You can either improve your existing home or get a better home. It's an excellent time for real-estate investments.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are in such a positive frame of mind this year. You will succeed in whatever you do, because you believe in yourself. This is how the power of positive thinking works!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Look for ways to boost your earnings, because you can do it. In fact, this is the best year in over a decade for you to make more money. Yahoo!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Lucky you! For the first time since 2005, lucky Jupiter is in your sign. This brings you good fortune and contentment for the whole year. It won't happen again until 2028.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This year, different experiences will occur that will enrich your spiritual life. Your belief will be stronger, and this in turn will give you more confidence in your future.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a popular year for Sagittarians! However, it's important to know that your interactions with others will benefit you. Join clubs and groups. Be friendly!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can put your name up in lights this year, because your reputation will shine. You will earn the respect of your peers.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Not since 2005 have you had the travel opportunities you will have this year. Make plans to go places! It's a great year for school and education as well.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is the perfect year to get a mortgage or loan, because you can benefit from the wealth and resources of others. Financial negotiations will settle in your favour.

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